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On 26 September 1951 a mass trial began in Halle in the Soviet some of nore than thirty functionaries who were in charge of preparations for the Third orld Youth Festival in Berlin. The indictment contained, ancig others, the following accusations:

- Transport sabotage, perticularly at Bad Schandau and Frankfurt/Oder, for which Heinz Kessler and Georg Schors, who had been chief of the transportation section on the festival preparations committee, were held responsible.
- 2. Trich Porowski, head of the finance section, and Welmut Docrner, of the same office, were held accountable for sahotage of the finance clan.
- 3. In the festival preparations, private industry received preferential treatment to the detriment of state-owned enterorises. for which Borowski ani Doerner were also held responsible,
- Tens Schoof and Buald Ziemainz of the supply section ware held responsible for improper and faulty food supply plans for the festival participants Ferner Fehlgut and Cuenther Lamin of the Lerlin Magistrat also share that responsibility.
- 5. Hans Schoof and Meinz Tachzer of the supply section were accused of improper preparation of food supply blans and of infentional disdirection of food provisions during the festival.
- Food supplies were incorrectly and improperly stored in Caxony-Anhalt and Frandenburg. | Yeld responsible are the chief business managers of KGV (sic) in Taxony-Anhalt, Herbert Otto and Koehler, and Otto Buer of KGV Prandenburg, as well as Gerhard Lucht, Gerhard Stauch and Steidle, Milich Musiness manager of the
- The individuals listed under points 4-6 are also held responsible for neglecting to inspect the food they ordered.
- Intentional negligence in investigating the functionaries of NDR enterorises who were called upon to help in the preparations of the festival is ascribed to Kurt Schubert, cadre secretary, as well as to Trhard Hirsch, FDJ central council member and CD central committee member.

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- In fafty percent of the information folders given to foreign delegates a second cover sheet had been affixed, which contained anti-communist material. Intentional sarotage was also discovered in the contants of articles sent to the Junce 'elt and other newspapers. Heinz Stern, editor of the Junge Lelt, and Manired tein, of Agit-Pron, were held accountable for the "incredible conditions at the publishing house 'Meues Leben' and at the printing shop 'V'B Cerliner Druckhaus'."
- The recurity staff of the Railroad Directorate (RBI) was a complete failure. The first secretary of the SED in the PED, fru Lehmann, failed to have the S-Bahn thoroughly searched, with the result that leaflet rockets exploded in the Tast sector both in and near the S-Bahn. Furthermore, for rejecting a proposal of the preparations correttee, for 4-minute stops at certain sections because it could interrupt 3-dalm in 1800, he was also indicted.
- 11. Dr. Mcebius, chief physician of the Messenwinkel hospital, and Mans Pauligk accused of having caused or contributed to a serious traffic accident which resulted in the death of or severe injuries to twelve festival participants.
- 12. Gerhard Musicl, a guard supervisor, we held responsible for the destruction of electric distributor boxes in the 'endenschloss tent camp causing interruption of the telephone service. He is also accused of causing the accident routioned in noregraph 11.
- 13. Melmut Martwir, head of the preparations committee, and his assistant, Fritz Weischuhn, are held accountable for the handling of proparations in general.
- Quenter Kasper and Jochen Voelchert, who were in charge of health conditions at ithlhoide, and Dr. Ludwig who was the health director on the preparations committee, were held responsible for the untoward occurrences in the Pionier-depublik while A total of 123 deaths resulted from illness or accidents during the festival. For this, larger reist, first secretary of the Junge biomiere, was held accountable.

Comment: VOK - Ferband Dautscher Konsumgenossenschaften; Association of German Consumer Cooperatives. Cerhard Lucht, Deputy President of the Vax, was the author of an article published in Moues Peutschlond (SED) on 28 November

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